

1 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
2 PUBLIC HEARING
3 SAFELAND STORAGE, LLC / ANGELINA TANK FARM

4 The Public Hearing conducted by the
5 Louisiana Department of Environmental
6 Quality Services taken at the Garyville Mt.
7 Airy Math & Science Magnet School, 249
8 Highway 54, Garyville, Louisiana 70051 on
9 Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at 6:06 p.m.

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13 Certified Court Reporter
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1 I N T R O D U C T I O N

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3 MS. BRYANT:

4 I wi ll be serving as the Hearing

5 Officer this evening, Tuesday,
6 September 25, 2007.

7 This hearing is scheduled to
8 accept public comments on a proposed
9 initial synthetic minor source air
10 operating permit, a draft water
11 discharge permit and the associated
12 environmental assessment statement
13 for Safel and Storage, LLC, located
14 at 400 East Kaliste Saloom Road,
15 Suite 1300, Lafayette, Louisiana
16 70508 for the Angelina Tank Farm,
17 Garyville, St. John the Baptist
18 Parish.

19 The AI number there would be
20 944688. And for the Proposed Air
21 Permit, Permit Number 25800005100
22 and Activity Number PER20060001.
23 And for the Draft LPDES Water
24 Discharge Permit, Permit Number
25 LA0122572, and Activity Number

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1 Located at 3988 Hwy 44 Garyville,
2 St. John the Baptist Parish.
3 Safeland Storage, LLC is
4 proposing to construct and operate a
5 full service marine and land
6 terminal. The terminal will be
7 known as the Angelina Tank Farm
8 Storage Facility. The Angelina Tank
9 Farm will receive liquid commodities
10 by barge, ship, rail, pipeline, and

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11 tanker trucks. Commodities will be
12 stored in above ground storage tanks
13 until further distribution to
14 commerce.

Blending of fuel stocks may be performed in some storage tanks. The primary commodities anticipated to be stored and distributed at the Angelina Tank Farm include gasoline, light crude oil, heavy crude oil, Ethanol, light petroleum distillates, mid petroleum distillates, heavy residual oils, vegetable oil, and bio-diesel. Commodities may be offloaded from

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1 the facility via a barge, ship, rail,
2 pipeline and tanker trucks.

Facility infrastructure will include: steam generating equipment used to heat viscous material in tanks and piping to sustain flow; a wastewater treatment system for the treatment of tank draw downs and other waste water streams; and diesel powered internal combustion engines for back-up power and pump capacity.

13 The facility will utilize a

14 vapor recovery system to reclaim
15 loading vapors. A thermal oxidizer
16 will control emission of vapors
17 collected by the vapor recovery
18 unit. A facility wide Transfer and
19 Storage Cap and a Boiler Cap are
20 proposed to allow for operational
21 flexibility.

22 The principal discharge from
23 this proposed source is made into
24 Lake Maurepas via Hope Canal and
25 Dutch Bayou, waters of the state

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1 classified for primary contact
2 recreation, secondary contact
3 recreation and propagation of fish
4 and wildlife.

5 Under the SIC Codes 5171 and
6 4226, the applicant proposes to
7 discharge storm water runoff, tank
8 draw down water, maintenance wash
9 water, ship/barge bilge and ballast
10 water, slop water, facility tank
11 wash water, boiler blowdown, and
12 hydrostatic test water from a
13 proposed petroleum bulk storage
14 facility.

15 During the preparation of the
16 draft LPDES permit, it has been

17 determined that the discharge will
18 have no adverse impact on the
19 existing uses of the receiving water
20 body. As with any discharge,
21 however, some change in existing
22 water quality may occur.

The EAS submitted by the applicant addresses avoidance of potential and real environmental

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1 effects, balancing of social and
2 economic benefits against
3 environmental impact costs, and
4 alternative sites, projects, and
5 mitigative measures.

The two permits were processed as expedited permits in accordance with LAC 33:1, Chapter 18.

9 This Hearing is not being
10 conducted in a question and answer
11 format. Please remember that the
12 purpose of this public hearing is to
13 allow you, the public, an
14 opportunity to express your thoughts
15 concerning the proposed initial
16 synthetic minor source air operating
17 permit, the draft water discharge
18 permit and the associated
19 environmental assessment statement.

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 I will allow all interested
21 parties a reasonable opportunity to
22 comment, unless testimony is not
23 related to the purpose of this
24 hearing.
25 This hearing is being held to

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1 give all individuals a chance to be
2 heard regardless of their position
3 on the proposed initial synthetic
4 minor source air operating permit,
5 the draft water discharge permit and
6 the associated environmental
7 assessment statement. Courteous
8 behavior is expected of everyone at
9 all times. You may speak in support
10 of, in opposition to, or simply to
11 provide additional information
12 concerning these permitting actions.

13 All your comments heard during
14 this hearing and all written
15 comments received during the comment
16 period will be evaluated and
17 addressed in the Department's
18 written response.

19 The public notice for public
20 hearing and request for public
21 comment on these permitting
22 activities was published in The

23 Advocate and The L'Observateur on
24 August 22, 2007 and in The News
25 Examiner on August 23, 2007.

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1 In addition, on August 21, 2007
2 copies of the public notice were
3 mailed to individuals who requested
4 that they be placed on the mailing
5 list maintained by the LDEQ Office
6 of Environmental Services.

7 A copy of the Permits
8 applications, the proposed initial
9 synthetic minor source air operating
10 permit, the draft water discharge
11 permit and the statement of basis
12 associated with it and the
13 associated environmental assessment
14 statement are available for
15 inspection and review at the LDEQ
16 Public Records Center, Room 1-127,
17 602 North 5th Street, Baton Rouge,
18 Louisiana 70802. Viewing hours are
19 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday
20 through Friday, except holidays.

21 The available information can
22 also be accessed electronically on
23 the Electronic Document Management
24 System (EDMS) on the DEQ public
25 website at www.deq.louisiana.gov.

1 Copies are also available for
2 public review at St. John The
3 Baptist Parish Library,
4 Headquarters, at 1334 West Airline
5 Highway, LaPlace, Louisiana 70068
6 and at the Frazee-Harris Memorial
7 Branch, 493 Historic Main Street,
8 Garyville, Louisiana 70051, and at
9 the St. James Parish Library,
10 Headquarters, 1879 West Main Street,
11 Lutcher, Louisiana 70071.

12 In accordance with Louisiana
13 Administrative Code, Title 33, Part
14 III, Section 531.A.3.c. and Title
15 33, Part IX, Section 3113.B.1,
16 comments received by 12:30 p.m.,
17 Monday, October 1, 2007 will be
18 considered prior to a final
19 decision. All comments received by
20 12:30 p.m., Monday, October 1, 2007
21 shall be retained by the Department
22 and considered in determining
23 whether to approve or deny the
24 proposed permitting actions.

25 Written comments on the proposed

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1 initial synthetic minor source air
2 operating permit, the draft water
3 discharge permit and the associated
4 environmental assessment statement
5 may be submitted to Ms. Soumaya
6 Ghosn, LDEQ-OES, Environmental
7 Assistance Division, P.O. Box 4313,
8 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313.

9 Under LA Revised Statutes
10 30:2017, as revised by the
11 Legislature in the 2004 session, the
12 Department is required to follow the
13 following order with the provision
14 that the presiding officer may give
15 preference to a public official to
16 speak at any time during the
17 hearing. However, any time limit
18 set for citizen testimony shall
19 apply to public officials.

20 The Department is required to
21 provide up to 30 minutes to the
22 facility for an introductory
23 presentation. Thereafter,
24 preference for speaking up to one
25 hour is given as follows: For the

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1 first hour, those citizens who live
2 within a two-mile radius of the
3 location of the facility. For the

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4 second hour, those citizens who work
5 within a two-mile radius of the
6 location of the facility. And for
7 the third hour, those citizens who
8 live within the parish of the
9 location of the facility.

10 Thereafter, each hour of the
11 hearing shall alternate between
12 those who are in support of the
13 permitting actions, and those who
14 are opposed to the permitting
15 actions.

16 The order of speakers for
17 tonight's hearing will be based on
18 the information provided by the
19 speaker on the registration form.
20 Anyone who registered to speak but
21 did not provide the necessary
22 information will be given the
23 opportunity to speak; however, they
24 will be called last in the order of
25 registration.

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1 This hearing is being
2 transcribed; therefore, I ask that
3 each speaker begin by stating, for
4 the Record, his or her name,
5 address, and any organization he or
6 she may represent. I also remind

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7 you to please turn off your cell
8 phones. Thank you.

9 At this time, I would like to
10 ask the facility representative to
11 come forward for the facility as an
12 introductory presentation. There
13 will be three speaking. The first
14 will be the President of Safeland,
15 Paul Beaulieu.

16 MR. BEAULIEU:

17 Hello. My name is Paul
18 Beaulieu. My address is 107 Hammer
19 Lane, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508.

20 Good evening, my name is Paul
21 Beaulieu. I am President of
22 Safeland Storage, LLC. I would like
23 to make a few comments about
24 Safeland's proposed facility and
25 request that the Department of

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1 Environmental Quality issue the
2 permits for this project.

3 Safeland proposes to construct a
4 new facility to provide additional
5 tank storage capacity for crude oil
6 and refined products. The facility
7 will also provide storage for bio-
8 diesel and Ethanol and the feed
9 stocks used to make these products

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10 in light of the growing demand for
11 alternative fuels.

12 When fully constructed the
13 facility will have a storage
14 capacity of 10 million barrels. The
15 facility will provide significant
16 benefits to local community, the
17 state, and the nation. The experts
18 agree that there is a substantial
19 need for additional storage capacity
20 along the lower Mississippi River.

21 The Safeland facility will help
22 satisfy that need and will serve as
23 a necessary component of the
24 nation's energy supply chain. The
25 facility will also provide a

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1 tremendous economic boost for local
2 community and the state.

3 The construction project is
4 expected to cost approximately \$330
5 million dollars and take about one
6 and a half years to complete.
7 Almost 3,000 jobs in the
8 construction and related industries
9 are expected to be impacted by the
10 construction project. Once
11 operational, the facility is
12 expected to directly employ

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13 approximately 35 persons in this
14 first year of operations, with
15 estimated annual earnings between
16 \$65,000 and \$92,000 dollars
17 increasing to around 55 employees by
18 the 10th year.

19 The facility is expected to
20 generate an additional 1,100
21 indirect jobs in the immediate
22 region by the 10th year of
23 operation. The facility will also
24 produce significant tax revenues for
25 the locals and state treasurers.

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1 The total state income, sales and
2 excise taxes over the first 10 years
3 of operation are projected to exceed
4 four and a half million dollars.

5 During the same period the
6 facility is projected to generate as
7 much as 147 million dollars in new
8 tax revenues for St. John Parish.
9 Overall, the total cumulative
10 economic impact of the first 10
11 years of operation is expected to
12 exceed some \$765 million dollars.
13 The facility will also provide
14 important environmental benefits.

15 Because of the current shortage
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16 of land-based storage, crude oil or
17 other materials are often stored on
18 barges on the Mississippi River.
19 The facility will provide an
20 alternative to barge storage and
21 thereby help reduce the risk of
22 barge accidents and spills in the
23 river. Also, air emissions from
24 land-based storage facilities are
25 more heavily regulated than barge

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1 emissions.
2 As a result, the facility should
3 benefit the environment on a local
4 and even regional basis that reduce
5 emissions. Construction of the
6 facility will also improve security.
7 The property is presently a vacant
8 tract of land. Once operational,
9 the facility will be completely
10 fenced and comply with strict
11 requirements regarding security.
12 These security measures should
13 minimize the possibility of
14 undesirable activity on the property
15 by trespassers, which will benefit
16 the local community. Safeland is
17 committed to operating and mainly
18 that better protects the community,

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19 its employees, and the environment.
20 St. John Parish currently meets all
21 air quality standards. Operation of
22 the Safeland facility will not
23 change that status.

24 The Safeland facility will be a
25 minor source of air emissions. It

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1 will utilize state of the art
2 emission controlling measures, many
3 of which provide greater controls
4 that required by law. Safeland will
5 also perform bottling of air
6 emissions from the facility, even
7 though it was not required by
8 regulation to do so. The results
9 demonstrate that even under worse
10 case operational facilities -
11 excuse me - The results demonstrate
12 that even under worse case
13 operational scenarios, the facility
14 emissions will comply with the
15 ambient air standards.

16 Safeland has also taken
17 significant measures to protect
18 against effects on residential
19 areas. Access routes to and from
20 the facility will be via Airline
21 Highway or River Road and will not

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22 pass through residential areas.
23 Also, those not optimal site plan
24 for Safeland and the storage tanks have
25 been conventionally located as close

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1 as possible to the western boundary
2 of the property to maximize the
3 difference between the operational
4 areas of the facility and any
5 residences to the east of the
6 property. We shifted everything
7 over right next to Gramercy Alumina.

8 Also, the facility will comply
9 with all other parish buffer zone
10 requirements. Much of the buffer
11 zone area on the eastern boundary of
12 the facility is wooded. Safeland is
13 committed to planting trees,
14 landscaping, or other steps to
15 enhance the aesthetics of the
16 facility and the view from the
17 residential areas.

18 Safeland contends to play an
19 active role in this community by
20 supporting local charity and efforts
21 to improve education and overall
22 quality of life. We're committed to
23 being good neighbors.

24 Finally, many of you have heard
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25 the Department of Natural Resources

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1 has identified the Safeland property
2 as a potential location for a
3 diversion canal from the Mississippi
4 River to the Maurepas Swamp.
5 Safeland strongly supports this
6 important project and believe it
7 will provide tremendous long-term
8 benefits to the state's environment,
9 as well as our hunters and
10 fisherman.

11 Safeland has been working with
12 DNR in an effort to make this
13 project a reality. Another note,
14 all the owners of the Safeland
15 Storage are hunters and fishers.
16 DNR has agreed that the diversion
17 canal can be located within the 600
18 foot buffer zone area along the
19 eastern boundary of the Safeland
20 facility.

21 This will comply with all parish
22 zoning and buffer zone requirements.
23 With Safeland's permission, DNR is
24 performing sub-phase of this
25 proposed location as we speak. DNR

1 has ensured Safeland that the canal
2 would not pose a risk of flooding
3 through adjacent properties and the
4 canal should only enhance the buffer
5 between the Safeland facility and
6 the residential areas.

7 Simply put, permitting of a
8 Safeland facility will not in any
9 way impede the diversion canal
10 project.

11 In summary, the Safeland
12 facility will help meet the nation's
13 growing need for additional land
14 based storage capacity. It will be
15 a state of the art facility that
16 meets or exceeds all environmental
17 requirements. Safeland is committed
18 to operating a safe, clean facility
19 that this community can be proud of.

20 On behalf of Safeland, our
21 respect and request that DEQ issue
22 the permits to Safeland. And thank
23 you for your time.

24 MS. BRYANT:

25 Also speaking on behalf of

1 Safeland, Brad Miller.

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MR. MILLER:

I'm Brad Miller, with the Department of Natural Resources. My address is 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, 70804. As Paul mentioned, he asked us to come and just speak about our project briefly.

We have a proposed recreational project that will divert water from the Mississippi River to the Maurepas Swamp. And the tract of land where Safeland is located is the preferred alternative to have this channel. It's gonna initially tie into the Hope canal. There is a 600-foot buffer that Safeland cannot have any heavy industrial activity on and our channel is going to occupy that 300 feet of that. So it's good fit in that buffer for our channel to be there.

It will be a levee canal and it won't affect drainage at all. Hope

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Canal currently gravity drains from that area and there are provisions in this project via pumps to enhance the drainage of the area. So this

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project will have no impact on the
6 drainage of this area. There will
7 be no negative impacts on flooding.
8 Let me finish up, as Paul
9 mentioned, Safel and is very
10 cooperative, DNR's contractors to go
11 out and survey and take some
12 borings and get some preliminary
13 engineering data that we need to
14 design this project. Thank you.
15 MS. BRYANT:
16 Also we have for Safel and Eric
17 Stack.
18 MR. STACK:
19 Good evening, my name is Eric
20 Stack and I work for URS
21 Corporation, a worldwide engineering
22 and environmental consulting firm.
23 URS has experience with earning
24 environmental permits for many
25 facilities throughout the region,

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1 country, including other facilities
2 of the Lower Mississippi River.
3 URS has worked extensively with
4 Safel and Storage to compare
5 permanent applications for the
6 Safel and facility, which meets all
7 state and federal environmental

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requi rements.

The proposed permit requires Safeland Storage to build the facility to standards that meet all environmental regulations and in many cases, exceed the required standards. The facility is classified as minor source under the applicable regulations. Although not normally required for minor sources, URS has performed the air's first model, which demonstrated that the Safeland facility will meet the ambient air quality standards in the area.

To summarize, the Safel and facility will be a state of the art storage facility with the latest

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pollution control measures to be protective of the environment and local community. It will provide environmental protection that meets or exceeds all regulatory requirements. For this reason, URS requests that the permits be issued to Safel and Storage.

MS. BRYANT:

All right. Thank you. I will

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now begin by allowing all persons
12 who have signed up to speak three
13 minutes. You will have three
14 minutes of which to present your
15 comments. Anyone who needs more
16 than three minutes will be allowed
17 to finish his or her comments after
18 all the registered speakers have had
19 an opportunity to speak.
20 The first group to speak will be
21 those citizens who live within a
22 two-mile radius of the location of
23 the facility. And the first on that
24 list is Carl Monica.
25 MR. MONICA:

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1 I'm a public official.
2 MS. BRYANT:
3 You may come forward. And your
4 name is?
5 MR. MONICA:
6 Nikki Monica.
7 MS. BRYANT:
8 Oh, Nikki Monica.
9 MR. MONICA:
10 Good evening. My name is Nikki
11 Monica, Parish President of St. John
12 the Baptist Parish. Thank you for
13 giving me the opportunity to speak

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MR. MONICA:

Carl Monica. 425 Historic Main Street in Garyville, Louisiana. I won't have enough time now, but I will have more time after. I'm going to talk about the contradictions to the responses to the revised extended IEP decision questions that were submitted in

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January 2007 by Safel and Storage.

Page 2, Introduction Sites, after extensive site selection process - What extensive process? First, the extensive process did not even include two close major industrial companies, Marathon Oil and Kaiser Alumina, which is now called Gramercy Associates.

Together they got 10,000 acres of property. Plenty, plenty, plenty land to put more tanks on their property. Not this property right here. It was never even brought up.

Second, Pages 25 to 33 site selection process, Page 25 site selection criteria, 200 acres. Of the 400 acres approximately 100 acres is wet. Our parish doesn't

20 even know this. 30 acres is a
21 batcher, 60 acres is designated for
22 the Maurepas and Diversion Canal.
23 Interesting enough, this report
24 never mentions the Maurepas Canal at
25 all until today.

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1 There is not enough land to put
2 this there to take all this away to
3 take the location of the criteria,
4 the 2,000 feet, it's not enough
5 land.

6 In addition, early research of
7 the batcher show that a dock
8 facility could not be built there
9 because there is severe eddies at
10 that location and also, danger to
11 shipping. How did that issue get
12 skirted? Also, the proximity to
13 2,000 river mile, 2,000 feet?
14 There's barely 2,000 feet. And also
15 Diversion Canal is not brought up.
16 That alone will take up 3 to 500
17 feet to put an intake.

18 So you don't have enough. So
19 that criteria is not met.
20 Approximately to highway the truck
21 access other than the Louisiana
22 54/61, it's surrounded by - there

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is 50 acres of wetland between the
24 wetland right here, the 50 acres of
25 wetland between Airline Highway,

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1 there's no railroad crossing on
2 Riverroad. No one's crossing over
3 there. Yet, all this is being done
4 anyway.

5 Existing crude pipelines, there
6 are some. I have some property that
7 runs through also. There's several
8 pipelines. And apparently this is
9 the only reason that this is being
10 done 2,000 feet away from Marathon
11 into their pumps and other places
12 too. Garyville and Mt. Airy both
13 will be surrounded on both sides by
14 dangerous tanks.

15 Whitney Plantation, Page 29, was
16 one of the places that they turned
17 down, they said it was not the
18 proper place -

19 MS. BRYANT:

20 I'm sorry. I will give you an
21 opportunity at the end. I didn't
22 mean to stop you in the middle of
23 your sentence. Do you want to
24 finish up that?

25 MR. MONICA:

1 Yes. Whi tney Pl antation is a
2 site that I personally worked on in
3 commercial real estate myself. It
4 had a dock facility. This has no
5 dock facility, whatsoever. They
6 said that it's a much better site
7 than this site. It's right across
8 the river from this site right here.
9 It also has pipeline. They said
10 there was no pipeline there. There
11 is a pipeline in Whi tney Pl antation.

12 And nobody's ever tried to buy
13 any part of it. The owners would
14 sell part of it and it's much
15 further away from residential, about
16 two miles away. Thank you.

17 MS. BRYANT:

18 Thank you. Burnette Burl?

19 MR. BURL:

20 I'm Burnette Burl and I'm a
21 member of the Save Our Neighborhood
22 Organization and our organization
23 has been fighting and going through
24 issues for years. And we always
25 seem to be on the cutting because

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1 our parish government does not
2 support us in any way. I do have a
3 letter here from one of our
4 councilmen to Ms. Soumaya Ghosn.

5 It says, "Dear Ms. Ghosn, a
6 representative of Louisiana DEQ, my
7 name is Richard Dale Wolfe,
8 councilman of District 3, St. John
9 the Baptist Parish. I am having
10 someone read this letter on my
11 behalf because I am at a St. John
12 Council Meeting, which is at the
13 same time as this hearing.

14 "Now they would not change the
15 time of the Parish meeting so that
16 the council people could be here. I
17 have served as councilman in St.
18 John Parish for 35 years.

19 "Since I have served, 16 of
20 those years where I sat in the
21 district where a tank farm may be
22 built. I feel a responsibility to
23 speak up about this issue. From
24 what I've learned about this tank
25 farm, I can say that I firmly

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1 believe that it will not be good for
2 people in Mt. Airy and Garyville.

3 "The past 30 years, this area
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4 has been - has had more
5 construction of heavy industry than
6 anywhere else in the parish. I say
7 enough is enough. These people
8 don't need anymore.

9 "I am very concerned about the
10 tank farm. Not only is it
11 dangerous, it doesn't bring up but a
12 few jobs and not much in tax
13 dollars. I have heard a lot of talk
14 and that's all it is, talk. I have
15 heard too much talk over the years.
16 My many years of experience, very
17 few of our people get the jobs, but
18 they do get all the danger, they get
19 all of the odors, they get all of
20 the pollution.

21 "The people in Mt. Airy and
22 Garyville deserve a break. Let
23 these people enjoy their peace and
24 quiet that they are entitled to.
25 This tank farm is not going to do

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1 them any good. There's plenty of
2 other places to build this tank
3 farm. Why crowd these people with
4 more tanks than they already have?
5 Put them where nobody lives.

6 "Most of the people that will
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7 have to live next to this tank farm
8 are poor. They don't have the money
9 and resources to fight for
10 themselves. I hear the words of
11 environmental justice a lot.

12 "Well I believe that this is a
13 clear case of environmental
14 injustice. I was councilman in 1989
15 when this property was changed from
16 residential to heavy industrial. I
17 voted against changing the zoning to
18 industrial because I thought it was
19 wrong and I still believe it is
20 wrong now.

21 "I only wish that I could go
22 back to 1989 and would have fought
23 harder to change only one other
24 councilman's vote."

25 MS. BRYANT:

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1 Ms. Burl, can you finish up,
2 please.

3 MS. BURL:

4 Yes. "And last year I checked
5 out Louisiana DEQ Hearing for
6 Marathon's expansion. I spoke up at
7 that hearing. I spoke up because I
8 saw the anguish and concern in the
9 people's faces that spoke against

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10 the construction of more storage
11 tanks on the other side of
12 Garyville.

13 "One person who spoke against
14 Marathon was Anna Monica, a cancer
15 patient. Ms. Monica was a good
16 friend of mine and she told me how
17 much she appreciated my presence at
18 the meeting. And for speaking up
19 for the residents.

20 "Ms. Monica cannot be here
21 tonight. She recently passed away,
22 but I feel obligated to her and to
23 all the people that represented over
24 the years when I say don't put these
25 people through this, they have

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1 suffered too much over the years.
2 Sincerely, Respectfully yours,
3 Richard Dale Wolfe, Councilman
4 District 3."

5 MS. BRYANT:

6 If there are any documents you
7 would like to put, I will put as an
8 exhibit. Next we have Brent
9 Waguespack? Remy Amedee?

10 MR. AMEDEE:

11 My name is Remy Amedee. I live
12 at 220 Oak Park Boulevard in

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13 Garyville. I have been a resident
14 of Garyville for 45 years and a
15 resident in Plantation Oaks at 220
16 for 18 years. I live within 2
17 miles.

18 I'm employed through Marathon
19 Petroleum Company for 18 years and I
20 am a volunteer under voluntary
21 emergency response team for 17 and a
22 half years, where I've had
23 experience in petroleum storage tank
24 fire fighting with college training
25 at Texas A&M University and the

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1 University of Nevada.

2 Given my choices, as a resident
3 of the area, a resident that's been
4 here for 18 and a half years, here
5 are my choices. My choices are do I
6 want a petroleum tank farm and all
7 the junk yard or heavy industrial
8 plant complex next to my property?
9 Well, I will take the tank farm.
10 It's obvious. The choices aren't
11 much.

12 This is what our community
13 leaders have left us for 20 years.
14 This document that is on the DEQ
15 website, which I printed, but it was

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16 over 127 pages, there was no mention
17 - and I did a search for emergency
18 response. Not one hit in a 127
19 pages. That brings up concerns for
20 me. Just to make it clear, I'm not
21 going to finish in three minutes, I
22 promise you that.

23 The social economic benefits
24 that the gentleman said earlier -
25 pretty close, but according to the

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1 document, it's very inconsistent
2 from one section of the document to
3 other section. The document also
4 illustrates one phase, Phase I. It
5 doesn't illustrate Phase II. It
6 doesn't illustrate Phase III.

7 Railroads for a location. It's
8 not identified. Three years ago
9 when I started beating the bushes
10 about this tank farm, and I started
11 asking some questions called poor
12 convincing and economic development
13 had and all of a sudden, two months
14 later a representative showed up at
15 my house and discussed it.

16 That brings up to my next point,
17 which is community outreach. I want
18 the DEQ tonight to ask the residents

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19 in this building right here if any
20 company official has gone to every
21 house in Garyville and Mt. Airy as
22 stated in here and asked them for
23 their opinion on this tank farm.

24 MS. BRYANT:

25 I will allow you back. Mary

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1 Roussel ?

2 MS. ROUSSEL:

3 My name is Mary Roussel and I
4 live at 193 Marigold Street. I
5 don't have a speech prepared, but
6 I'm very much opposed. I have been
7 living in Mt. Airy over 45 years, my
8 husband and I, he recently passed.
9 I have emphysema that was caused by
10 chemicals. And that makes me very,
11 very much afraid about this plant
12 coming here.

13 There's a lot older people's
14 that are stuck in Mt. Airy who have
15 health problems. And all I can do
16 is appear to you all, and I know
17 that you probably have older ones as
18 myself too that have health
19 problems, and I ask that you all
20 consider those people. Thank you.

21 MS. BRYANT:

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22 Thank you. Alexia Henderson?

23 MS. HENDERSON:

24 My name is Alexia Henderson. I

25 live at 257 Chestnut Street, Mt.

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1 Airy. Less than a thousand feet
2 from the proposed tank farm. It
3 seems like deja vu for me standing
4 here. Tonight again we are here
5 pleading for our quality of life and
6 our environmental justice. For this
7 small African American community
8 that asks nothing more than to be
9 allowed to exist without being
10 trampled on and smothered out by a
11 big industry with big bucks.

12 In 1989 we faced the same
13 dilemma. But the hardest thing of
14 all for us to face is that we are
15 not even considered or represented
16 ever by our parish government. They
17 always sell us down the river.

18 Now tonight I just - and I hope
19 it doesn't take me three minutes to
20 do this, but I have - I want to
21 give you my response to some of the
22 statements, some of the false
23 statements that was made by Safel and
24 Storage, LLC during their IT

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25 decisions, questions and I will

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1 allude to that document.

2 First of all, on Page 3, it
3 says, "This tank farm will pay \$11.4
4 million dollars in property taxes
5 the first year." Well, the tax
6 records show me that Marathon Oil is
7 only now paying \$11 million dollars
8 a year in taxes. They came here
9 since the 70's. So how with a huge
10 plant as Marathon, the second
11 largest in the world, how are they
12 going to pay these kind of taxes for
13 a holding tank farm?

14 How you gonna pay for \$10
15 million dollars ever because the
16 first 10 years we know you are tax
17 exempt anyway.

18 Page 4 states that there was
19 significant steps were taken to
20 inform the public and that strong
21 support was shown by the public.
22 That's false. The public does not
23 show strong support. The public was
24 not informed. There are many people
25 living here in this Mt. Airy

1 community today are still not
2 informed.

3 As the previous people said, we
4 have old - we have a lady next door
5 to me over 90 years old, don't know
6 what's going on. She doesn't know a
7 tank farm is being approved to be
8 put here. In fact, in January, I
9 submitted - I want to submit to you
10 a petition that has several hundred
11 names on it. Mine is the first one
12 on the list.

13 This petition went to our Parish
14 Council asking them to change the
15 zoning back to its original zoning,
16 which was residential, in order to
17 stop this tank farm. Even before
18 these people bought this property.
19 This petition was signed by mostly
20 African American people and this
21 does not show that we support the
22 tank farm.

23 Our parish council brought these
24 out of this, of course, when came
25 down to it, we requested that we get

1 this, they came up and said, "Well

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get permission from the owners."
3 Well, they have done it before
4 without the permission from the
5 owners.
6 My three minutes are already up?
7 MS. BRYANT:
8 If you need further time -
9 MS. HENDERSON:
10 I guess so.
11 MS. BRYANT:
12 Jeremy Pilgram?
13 MR. PILGRAM:
14 I'm Jeremy Pilgram, 101 West 2nd
15 Street in Gramercy. I am in support
16 for the tank farm. Thank you.
17 MS. BRYANT:
18 Josh Kilburn?
19 MR. KILBURN:
20 My name is Josh Kilburn, 1730 2nd
21 Street, Lutchter. And I am in
22 support of the facility. Thank you.
23 MS. BRYANT:
24 Tomy Acosta?
25 MR. ACOSTA:

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1 My name is Tomy Acosta and my
2 address is 134 Timbermill Loop,
3 Garyville. I am a lifelong resident
4 of Garyville. I know this isn't

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question and answer, but my comment
6 is in the form of a question. Just
7 so you know, I am an attorney by
8 education and by practice. So don't
9 let the khaki shorts and T-shirt
10 fool you.

11 If you read the parish zoning
12 law the parish zoning law clearly
13 states, "In our 13 district or use
14 area shall be so located in minimum
15 2,000 feet away from a concentration
16 of one dwelling unit per acre gross
17 area." Obviously if you go to Mt.
18 Airy/Garyville area they meet this
19 requirement of a concentration of at
20 least one dwelling unit per acre
21 gross area.

22 So according to the zoning law
23 in St. John the Baptist Parish what
24 it says in plain English is that no
25 heavy industry may be located within

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1 2,000 feet of a densely populated
2 area. And so my question is - this
3 is food for thought for everybody in
4 the room. Number 1, is Safeway
5 aware of this law? Number 2, is the
6 parish aware of this law? Have they
7 even recognized that there is such a

8 law. And Number 3, is the DEQ in
9 the business of issuing permits to
10 people when issuing such permits and
11 constructing such facility would be
12 in violation of parish law?

13 Because the law clearly states
14 - whether you interpret it any way
15 you want - the plain English says,
16 "In 13 district or use area shall be
17 so located a minimum 2,000 feet away
18 from the concentration of one
19 dwelling unit per acre gross area."

20 And so that's just food for
21 thought for everybody to think
22 about. Because that is the way the
23 law is written currently. Thank
24 you.

25 MS. BRYANT:

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1 Thank you. Wade Acosta?

2 MR. ACOSTA:

3 No comment.

4 MS. BRYANT:

5 Wilber Edwards?

6 MR. EDWARDS:

7 My name is Wilber B. Edwards and
8 I live at 141 Marigold Street, which
9 is directly adjacent to the proposed
10 Angelina Tank Farm facility. My

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concern is environment and safety.
12 And my second thought here in the
13 event that this facility is approved
14 what impact will it have on
15 employment of the young people in
16 Mt. Airy, Louisiana?
17 Secondly, I worked in a tank
18 farm and with all the safety
19 equipment that they have in place,
20 we have to remember that equipment
21 fails. We have to remember that
22 human error is always a possibility.
23 So just think about these things
24 before you oppose or propose this
25 tank. Thank you.

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1 MS. BRYANT:
2 Thank you. Flavia Moody?
3 MS. MOODY:
4 Good evening, Ladies and
5 gentlemen. My name is Flavia Moody.
6 I am a resident of 368 Daffodil
7 Street. I am here because I am
8 opposed to the tank farm proposed to
9 DEQ and I am praying that this
10 permit will be denied.
11 In my line of work I am able to
12 - I was able to deal with people
13 directly impacted by the Murphy Oil

14 spill due to Hurricane Katrina, and
15 I was able to see how their lives
16 are being completely devastated
17 because of the incident.

18 The soil contamination was so
19 great that people had to wear
20 special gear just to enter the
21 facilities. They aren't even
22 allowed to enter their homes for a
23 long period of time due to the fact
24 that the environment is so hazardous
25 that they couldn't even assess the

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1 damage that was done to their
2 property. Not to mention that
3 children weren't even allowed at the
4 facility - at the premises at the
5 time.

6 The Louisiana Departmental
7 Health and Hospitals had issued and
8 developed a fact sheet entitled
9 "Extra Precautions For Entering All
10 Contaminated Properties in St.
11 Bernard Parish." And I can't help
12 to think how similar the residents
13 of St. Bernard Parish are to our
14 community here in Garyville. Both
15 communities less than 1,000 people
16 that proposed - at Murphy Oil, and

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we are less than 1,000 feet from the
18 proposed tank farm.

19 And I have seen the devastation
20 through the pictures that my clients
21 have brought to my office. And am
22 extremely concerned that that is
23 going to be a problem. If 1,000
24 feet wasn't enough for Murphy Oil,
25 what would that be enough for our

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1 community? I do not understand and
2 history is here to teach us
3 something, to let us learn and
4 progress and the history has showed
5 us that 1,000 feet is not enough.

6 I'm concerned for my family and
7 friends, and my neighbors - if you
8 go through Garyville, Mt. Airy, it's
9 a area that people - you walk by
10 and people wave at you, they are
11 very friendly people, very unlike no
12 other place. It has a history in
13 this place as well and I would hate
14 to see this be blown away by the
15 tank farm.

16 Unfortunately, as far as I know,
17 I don't anybody that can control or
18 have the power to control the
19 weather, or has any way to divert a

20 hurricane. ^{degga} If God forbid a
21 hurricane come to our area, we are
22 doomed to follow the footprints of
23 the Murphy Oil residents.
24 That is something I don't wish
25 for my family, don't wish on my

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1 neighbors, don't wish actually for
2 anybody. And I hope the DEQ take
3 that into consideration. And I pray
4 for you to deny the permit and let
5 Garyville live and let our - let me
6 raise my children and grow happy in
7 this place. Thank you very much.

8 MS. BRYANT:
9 Thank you. Demetria Robinson
10 Carter?

11 MS. CARTER:
12 My name is Demetria Robinson
13 Carter, and I currently reside at
14 118 Melius Drive in Reserve,
15 Louisiana. And we are in the
16 process of building a new home in
17 Plantation Oaks II at 115 Big Tree
18 Boulevard. And I am sad to say we
19 are opposed to the tank farm.

20 MS. BRYANT:
21 The next group of speakers will
22 be those who work within a two-mile

23 degga
radius of the location of the
24 facility. The first on that list is
25 Holly Roussel.

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1 MS. ROUSSEL:

2 My name is Holly Roussel. I
3 work within a two-mile radius for
4 over 15 years in this area. My
5 address is 39570 Gravois Street,
6 Paulina. And I support this project
7 and I will support the oil industry.
8 Thank you.

9 MS. BRYANT:

10 Thank you. Danny Guidry?

11 MR. GUIDRY:

12 My name is Danny Guidry. I
13 reside at 158 Ingleside Road in
14 LaPlace. And I work within two
15 miles of the proposed facility. And
16 I support the project. Thank you.

17 MS. BRYANT:

18 Thank you. Doreen Bourgeois?

19 MS. BOURGEOIS:

20 Hello, my name is Doreen
21 Bourgeois, and I work within a two-
22 mile radius and I do support the
23 tank farm. Thanks. My address is
24 3445 Lena Street, Paulina.

25 MS. BRYANT:

1 Next is Terry Myer?

2 MR. MYER:

3 My name is Terry Myer and I live
4 at 21 Bell Oak Street in LaPlace. I
5 work within two miles of this
6 facility and I support it. Thank
7 you.

8 MS. BRYANT:

9 Thank you. Luke Kahl?

10 MR. KAHL:

11 I'm Luke Kahl, 3210 Hester. I
12 support this project.

13 MS. BRYANT:

14 Barry Terrio?

15 MR. TERRIO:

16 My name is Barry Terrio and I
17 live at 108 Catherine Court,
18 LaPlace, Louisiana, and I work
19 within a two-mile radius of the
20 facility. And I fully support this
21 project. I think that it would be a
22 good thing for this area.

23 MS. BRYANT:

24 Next are the citizens who live
25 within the parish of the location of

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1 the facility. First on that list is
2 Ann Myer?

3 MS. MYER:

4 Hi, my name is Ann Myer, I live
5 at 21 Dove Street in LaPlace, and I
6 support the project.

7 MS. BRYANT:

8 Thank you. Clifford Herbert?

9 MR. HERBERT:

10 Hi, I'm Clifford Herbert, I live
11 at 133 Ingleside in LaPlace,
12 Louisiana. I have lived my whole
13 life in St. John Parish. I have
14 worked 36 years for Dupont, 30 of
15 which was in charge of the waste
16 wells, and I am in support of this
17 project.

18 MS. BRYANT:

19 Marleen Guidry?

20 MR. GUIDRY:

21 Marleen Guidry, 158 Ingleside
22 Road, LaPlace. Resident of the
23 parish and I support the project.

24 MS. BRYANT:

25 At this time I would like to

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1 call on those citizens who are in
2 support of the proposed permitting
3 action, followed by those who are
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4 opposed to the proposed permitting
5 action. After this group speaks, I
6 will go back to Carl Monica, Remy
7 Amedee, and Alexia Henderson and
8 allow them time to complete their
9 comments.

10 Gregory Campo?

11 MR. CAMPO:

12 My name is Greg Campo. I am
13 from Lafayette, Louisiana. 403 Oak
14 Leaf Drive, 70503. I am a Safel and
15 partner and a lifelong resident of
16 south Louisiana. We have another
17 partner that is going to speak a
18 little more about the details of the
19 project, so I am not going to get
20 into that.

21 But I do want to say that the
22 goal here that we intend or that we
23 have is to have a promoted facility
24 that has or build a facility that
25 promotes economic development as

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1 well as without compromising safety
2 or the environment.

3 I have children and I wouldn't
4 want anything to compromise their
5 health or their safety, just like
6 the residents here feel about their

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7 family, as well as the fact that I'm
8 in the oil industry and I am
9 surrounded by this type of
10 environment. And so I totally can
11 relate to your concerns.

12 However, this is not just about
13 putting a facility here and leaving.
14 We are from Louisiana. We want to
15 build Louisiana and we are concerned
16 about Louisiana. Thank you.

17 MS. BRYANT:

18 Thank you. Most of this group
19 are in support. What I am going to
20 do is alternate. Sam Smedly? I'm
21 sorry. Barney Callihan in
22 opposition.

23 MR. CALLIHAN:

24 I just signed that paper three
25 minutes ago and it put me right up

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1 in front of the line. My name is
2 Barney Callihan, and I am here
3 tonight to represent the Louisiana
4 Wildlife Federation. We are a
5 environmental advocacy group in
6 Louisiana here. We're about 13,000
7 members strong. We're also
8 affiliated with the National
9 Wildlife Federation, most of you-all

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10 have heard about those
11 organi zati ons.

12 We are very concerned about
13 environmental impacts and loss of
14 environment primarily the wildlife
15 habi tat. And I apologize, but I
16 just got on board last night with
17 this parti cul ar project and was
18 asked to sit in today to gather some
19 notes. So my vote of opposi ti on is
20 only from a standpoint leading to
21 gather more infor ma ti on.

22 Parti cu lar ly about the salt water
23 discharges and in effect that that
24 water introduced into the proposed
25 Di versi on project would have.

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1 Very di scern ing that we have
2 fol lowed the Di versi on project all
3 along and looking forward to this
4 thing and vi ta li zing a very
5 im por tant part of the Maurpas Swamp,
6 and now we want to use it for a
7 discharge, which an open canal would
8 bring con ta mi nates for the end of
9 the swamps. And maybe work against
10 - I said maybe work against the
11 effects of what we're trying to do,
12 which is the Di versi on project.

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13 And I see you're shaking your
14 head back there. Again, my
15 opposition is only that I would like
16 more answers about discharges into
17 the water. Thank you.

18 MS. BRYANT:

19 I only have two in opposition.
20 Mr. Callihan and the other was
21 actually Chad Brown. I will bring
22 you up after the last one, after the
23 next one in support. And that
24 person will be Sam Smedley.

25 MR. SMEDLEY:

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1 Good evening. My name is Sam
2 Smedley. My address is 4144 Cognac
3 Drive in Kenner, Louisiana. I am
4 employed in the oil petroleum
5 business and have been for 27 years.
6 Have had the joy and the benefits of
7 that economic oil act to myself and
8 to my family. I know a lot of
9 people in this area have the same
10 thing. I am in total support of
11 this project.

12 MS. BRYANT:

13 Thank you. Chad Brown?

14 MR. BROWN:

15 My name is Chad Brown, 7257
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16 Main Street, Sorrento, Louisiana.
17 That's Ascension Parish. And I am
18 here in opposition. I have mainly
19 concerns with the impacts this may
20 have on the Maurepas Swamp Diversion
21 Project. I'm just here representing
22 myself.

23 I have been following this
24 project for over 5 years now and I
25 am very concerned that this hadn't

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1 been coordinated and discussed
2 enough with the EPA and DNR. I know
3 we have heard from DNR tonight, that
4 said it would not impact it. But
5 DNR would not be funding this
6 project. Or if they do, it will be
7 minimal.

8 This is going to be federally
9 funded and I haven't seen anyone
10 here from the EPA or federal
11 government speaking on behalf of
12 this project. So I am here in
13 opposition.

14 MS. BRYANT:

15 Thank you. Mr. Stewart?

16 MR. STEWART:

17 Good evening. My name is Alan
18 Stewart. My address is 101

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19 Prestige, Lafayette, Louisiana. And
20 I just wanted to thank everyone for
21 coming out tonight and I want to
22 comment on the both sides that we've
23 heard.
24 I want everyone to know I am one
25 of the Safeland partners and want

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1 everyone to know our commitment
2 level to the State of Louisiana and
3 to this project. The partners, on
4 average, have probably 20 years
5 experience in the oil and gas
6 business, and our sole function of
7 this project is we would like to
8 create more economic benefit for the
9 community and for ourselves.
10 Between all the partners in this
11 project we collectively created
12 2,000 jobs in south Louisiana
13 between six of the various
14 companies. So our commitment level
15 to south Louisiana, the economy
16 there, and the people run very, very
17 deeply. All the owners involved in
18 this project are very avid outdoors
19 men. They are all hunters, fishers,
20 and we support the guidelines.
21 The development will be set

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22 forth through the federal and the
23 state mandates. No one involved
24 with this from Safeland Storage is
25 interested in taking any shortcuts.

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1 And the main thing they would like
2 to do is be sure that every rule and
3 every letter of the law must follow.

4 Thank you and I support the
5 project.

6 MS. BRYANT:

7 Lee Leblanc?

8 MR. LEBLANC:

9 My name is Lee Leblanc and I am
10 from New Iberia, Louisiana. 4317
11 Lowerville Road, 70562. I'm also a
12 member of Safeland Storage, a
13 partner, and would like to just
14 reiterate some of the things that
15 Alan and Paul has said previous to
16 it. That we just want to develop
17 south Louisiana. We have been hit
18 by two hurricanes. We need more
19 industry down here. I have two
20 little kids, Carolyn and Eli, 8
21 years old and 9 years old.

22 I don't want them when they
23 graduate and move out of the state,
24 I want to develop here so I can see

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25 my grandkids and my kids grow up.

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1 And I am in favor of the
2 facility.

3 MS. BRYANT:

4 Thank you. John Deslatte?

5 MR. DESLATTE:

6 My name is John Deslatte. I
7 live at 3522 Nicole Street in
8 Paulina. I also work within two
9 miles of the proposed facility. And
10 I would just like to say I am in
11 favor of it.

12 MS. BRYANT:

13 Thank you. Michelle Deslatte?

14 MS. DESLATEE:

15 Michelle Deslatte, 3522 Nicole
16 Street, Paulina, Louisiana 70763.
17 And I am in favor of the facility.

18 MS. BRYANT:

19 Thank you. Bart Bourgeois?

20 MR. BOURGEOIS:

21 My name is Bart Bourgeois. I
22 live at 3445 Lena Street. And I
23 support the tank farm.

24 MS. BRYANT:

25 Thank you. Tyrus Cobb?

1 MR. COBB:

2 Hello, my name is Tyrus Cobb.

3 Ty Cobb as my friends call me.

4 Thank you for letting me speak. I

5 am a resident of Mobile, Alabama.

6 But I work here in the parish, in

7 the New Orleans and Baton Rouge

8 area. My company has maintained an

9 office on Forest Lake Road in Baton
10 Rouge for over 10 years.

11 American Tank Vessel develops

12 terminals like this and also

13 provides maintenance. I think we

14 are the only company of our kind

15 that is involved in full research

16 and development in the emissions and

17 control. We are the only company

18 that has actually a tank building

19 school, where we take young welders

20 that want to get into the business

21 and help them along.

22 We stand to be involved in this

23 project so I have a great deal of

24 interest in it. But I also here the

25 opposition and those mean a great

1 deal of importance there. And I

2 appreciate^{degga} these things, the passion
3 of the stories that I hear. It's
4 very important to know these things.
5 And to be a part of the family that
6 is in these parishes, in these
7 neighborhoods.

8 We would like to see any
9 development in the energy business
10 be done very responsibly. We are
11 dedicated to the safe and
12 environmental friendly and even
13 neighborhood friendly operation of
14 any terminal plant. We are proud to
15 be here. Our long range goal here
16 is to actually establish a
17 operations here.

18 We already have a great number
19 of people from these areas, from
20 south Louisiana that work for us.
21 We're involved in large project in
22 LaFourche County right now and we
23 have worked in many plants up and
24 down the River, and as time goes
25 forward, we would like to bring that

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1 tank school here. Also bring on more
2 welders, engineers, and draftsmen,
3 administration, and that sort of
4 thing.

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6 So we look at this and the other
7 opportunities that are coming along
8 here in the energy business to
9 develop and bring more jobs to this
10 area. Thank you.

11 MS. BRYANT:

12 Before I go back to those who
13 need to conclude their remarks is
14 there anyone else who would like an
15 opportunity to speak that didn't get
16 a chance to sign up? Can you please
17 come forward? I need you to come
18 forward and give your name, please.

19 MR. BOURGEOIS:

20 Tommy Bourgeois. I live in Mt.
21 Airy and I live right past the
22 firehouse on the River. First of
23 all, this is not a manufacturing
24 complex or storage, which is 600
25 feet. Nalco added on which is
 production which is about 1,000 feet

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1 from me and nobody objected to that.
2 I don't mind that.

3 Second of all, we 10 feet above
4 sea level, so there is no way that
5 tank would float like it did in St.
6 Bernard Parish. No way. This land
7 they building on was farm land, and

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that, years ago was - it could have
9 been industrial. Never was it
10 developed for residential.

11 Thank you.

12 MS. BRYANT:

13 Thank you. I have two more who
14 just signed in opposition. Florence
15 Jones.

16 MS. JONES:

17 Good evening. My name is
18 Florence Robinson Jones. I have
19 been living in Mt. Airy for all my
20 life, 67 years. And we do not want
21 no tank farm here. Not good. I
22 read about it. Here and there I
23 have heard about it. Here and
24 there. So I just hope that this
25 does not pass. Bless you all.

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1 MS. BRYANT:

2 Inga Fluence?

3 MS. FLUENCE:

4 Inga Robinson Fluence, 193
5 Chestnut Street, Mt. Airy. I am
6 opposed.

7 MS. BRYANT:

8 Glendora Grant?

9 MS. GRANT:

10 Good evening. My name is

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11 Glendora Grant. I live on 292
12 Daffodil Street. I have been a
13 resident of Mt. Airy all my life.
14 And I definitely do not support the
15 tank farm. Thank you.

16 MS. BRYANT:

17 Anyone else who would like an
18 opportunity to speak before we go
19 back to the ones who have spoken?

20 MS. CAMBRE:

My name is Edna Cambre and I am
from Mt. Airy, 186 Chestnut Street.
And I do not want a tank farm. I
have grandchildren and I am old and
I am sick. And I do not want to

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1 smell that mess. I am sorry, but I
2 will not support this. I am not in
3 favor. Do you hear me? I don't
4 need no mic to talk.

5 I will do anything I can to keep
6 it from coming here.

7 MS. JONES:

8 I am Mary Jones. I am opposed.
9 I'm not supporting this thing
10 because my husband died. He was
11 survivor of cancer and I am not for
12 it. 266 Mari gold Street in Mt.
13 Ai ry.

14 MS. BRYANT: degga
15 Thank you. All right one other
16 person and then we will go the ones
17 that need to make additional
18 comments.
19 MS. KAHL:
20 Hi, my name is Katie Kahl. I
21 live at 210 Denise Road, Louisiana.
22 And I am saying that I am for the
23 tank farm 100 percent. Thank you.
24 MS. BRYANT:
25 All right. Thank you. Now I am

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1 going to go back to - come forward
2 please.
3 MS. ADAMS:
4 Good evening. My name is Merna
5 Adams. I live at 471 Lil Hope
6 Street in Garyville. I am not for
7 it. I really don't understand how
8 these people coming from all these
9 other areas and saying they work
10 here, but they don't live here. So
11 you all won't be affected by this.
12 And I have grandchildren too.
13 So I don't want it. Thank you.
14 MR. ARCENEUX:
15 I'm Jeff Arceneaux. I live at
16 142 Dafodil in Mt. Airy. And I

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would just like to say I have been
18 in the chemical industry for 17
19 years. And do I have concerns?
20 Yes, I have concerns. But I want to
21 ask the people who live in the
22 community we are talking about
23 pollution in the ground and all, how
24 many people we know dump oil from
25 their cars on the ground?

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1 MS. BRYANT:
2 All right. Now return to those
3 five people who wanted additional
4 time. You will have five minutes
5 each. Carl Monica? Oh, Ms.
6 Henderson, right?
7 MS. HENDERSON:
8 I have much more to say, but I
9 need to remind DEQ and everybody
10 else, if these people make false
11 statements to the IT questions and
12 IT decisions, what makes you think
13 that they won't give false
14 statements for everything else?
15 In other words, you cannot
16 believe them. These people
17 that you have heard here tonight are
18 supposed to be the people who were
19 well informed. They were not

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consulted, were not even taken into
21 consideration.

22 Looking back at that document,
23 on Page 13, they state that there
24 are going to be 3,000 construction
25 jobs. Now that is the same amount

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1 of jobs that Marathon told us in a
2 meeting that they were going to have
3 for the big project that they are
4 doing.

5 Do you need 3,000 people to
6 build a tank farm? The same amount
7 of workers to build a fuel storage
8 tank as Marathon needs to build this
9 gigantic construction that they are
10 having? I don't think so.

11 They stated that there are going
12 to be 35 jobs ranging from \$65,000
13 dollars a year to \$92,000 dollars a
14 year. I have yet to see local
15 people living right here in these
16 industries that get those kinds of
17 jobs. But we will get the danger,
18 we will get the pollution, we will
19 get the smell that we are already
20 getting from a defunct oil tank
21 holding farm right above.

22 And of course, if Marathon

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project stands up it's a lot of
24 holding tank farms to the east of
25 us. They wanted to know is this

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1 area particularly noted for it's
2 aesthetic beauty?

3 Well, yes, to us it is. I live
4 near the site and of course, we have
5 playgrounds near this site. My
6 family and I love to see that open
7 area there. Most of all, it's
8 mostly high area, it's dry area, and
9 it should be used for home sites,
10 unlike what somebody had said
11 tonight. It should be used for
12 parks and recreational purposes.

13 And not for a smelly tank farm.
14 And you can't tell me as efficient
15 as you say you are, that you can
16 reduce the smell. If you think you
17 can, pass along this River.

18 Now, talking about the tax money
19 that they are going to put into
20 this, how much of that tax money is
21 going into Mt. Airy and Garyville
22 community? Ride around through this
23 community and see if there is \$11
24 million dollars that he's talking
25 about putting up are doing anything

1 to enhance or improve our community.
2 Take a look around, people.

3 Again, I remind you of the
4 tank farm accident that happen
5 during Katrina and the Murphy Oil
6 situation. Unlike what Tommy
7 Bourgeois says, he has no way of
8 knowing the soil, the land, the
9 property of that and whether it will
10 not physically be the same thing
11 here.

12 You have no control over weather
13 conditions. We haven't either, but
14 we are already surrounded by
15 industry. Nalco, Marathon, Kaiser,
16 whatever that thing is that got
17 those tanks up there. How much more
18 are you going to allow people to
19 (inaudible)? Yeah, we're old, we're
20 black, we're poor. But we are
21 human.

22 And we do not feel that DEQ and
23 them with the power to do so should
24 continue to make decisions that
25 would deny us the quality of life

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1 that we deserve. So we ask you to
2 deny this permit and allow the
3 people that are here to live their
4 lives out in peace. Thank you.

5 MS. BRYANT:

6 Thank you, Ms. Henderson. Mr.
7 Monica? Carl Monica?

8 MR. MONICA:

9 On Page 32 of the IT decision,
10 as you call it, the IT decision,
11 whatever, Page 32 says, "The report
12 mentions that the 600-foot buffer
13 exists between residential and heavy
14 industrial." No where in the zoning
15 codes, no where in the zoning codes,
16 does the words "600-foot buffer" is
17 used. You find it and you show it
18 to us. There is no such thing.

19 There is a 2,000 foot locational
20 criteria. That's definitely in
21 there. By the way, that 600 foot
22 thing that they throw around that is
23 conflict of legislation. The
24 Council is now looking at that.
25 That same ordinance makes Plantation

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1 Oaks light industrial. If you will
2 look at it carefully, it makes
3 Plantation Oaks light industrial.

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4 Safeland said it received a
5 letter from St. John Planning and
6 Zoning Director on February 6, 2006,
7 mention of 600-foot buffer. She
8 doesn't know what she is talking
9 about. Most of the Council admitted
10 they don't know anything about that.

11 I want the board to submit to
12 DEQ Second Request Form that was
13 signed by that same Planning and
14 Zoning Director dated March 7, 2006.
15 Her letter was February 6, 2006.
16 This is in reference to a flood on
17 this particular property. On that
18 request the planning director states
19 the location, the same location in
20 that area, there level is clear and
21 it's non-wetlands. All three of
22 those statements are correct. I've
23 got a document that shows the
24 signature on it.

25 That property is wet, it has no

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1 access to the roadway, opening
2 railroad tracks from 61 and it's
3 totally covered with trees. If that
4 Planning Director gave that kind of
5 information to the DEQ, how could
6 she possibly know the requirements

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7 of the buffer are.

8 In addition, if one deducts the
9 amount of mile plan, the amount of
10 plan is with the Diversion Canal and
11 the amount needed for the locational
12 criteria there is not enough useful
13 land for a tank farm.

14 Page 4, the facility will be
15 constructed as close as possible to
16 Gramercy Alumina Facility to
17 maximize with them the distance from
18 residential. The truth of
19 the matter is 300 feet adjacent to
20 the Gramercy Aluminum Facility is
21 where the tank - I'm sorry - is
22 where the Maurepas Diversion
23 Canal plant. I got that
24 documentation.

25 These owners have completely

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1 ignored the canal until tonight.
2 They do not even want this canal to
3 be built and - unless they can't
4 absolutely guarantee it will be
5 built at that location.

6 Much of the area is wooded on
7 the eastern side. "Eastern side,"
8 that's their comments. The truth of
9 the matter is it's a narrow stretch

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10 of land that is between Daffodil and
11 Plantation Oaks - next to Daffodil
12 and Plantation Oaks. Some of that
13 is scheduled for development.
14 Once those trees are knocked down,
15 you are gonna see those big, old,
16 ugly tanks from far distances away.

17 Page 14-15C, what will the
18 potential economic effects of local
19 community? Obviously, increased
20 pollution, increased possibility of
21 terrorism and decrease in property
22 values. I have a bunch of examples
23 showing property values. I will
24 show you that I was going to go help
25 develop Plantation Oaks. We started

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1 off with lots at \$12,000, \$10,
2 \$12,000. You can go all the way up
3 to \$24,000 in the 80's. And I can
4 show you - I got documentation here
5 that shows 1989 after the thing was
6 changed, lot values fell down
7 substantially.

8 I wish I was not on that timer,
9 I could bring all that up. I would
10 give it to you. Also, will show
11 that property values have
12 increased in Garyville/Mt. Airy

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13 area. The Times-Picayune submitted
14 something in the paper recently and
15 it showed that the highest values
16 per square foot were in Garyville
17 before - pre Katrina. They dropped
18 to being second now, but they are
19 still very high.

20 The lot values now are around
21 \$60,000. We started off at 10, went
22 up to 20 something, went down to 13,
23 15, in the 80's - I mean after the
24 90's, after this thing happened.
25 Now they up high again. And I

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1 guarantee that they are going to
2 fall down again. I guarantee it.

3 The most negative aspect is the
4 IT decision. It's not so much what
5 it contains, what it does not
6 contain. How such a well-publicized
7 and important construction project
8 such as the Maurepas Diversion Canal
9 not even be mentioned in the
10 original report? We went to Baton
11 Rouge, Ms. Henderson and I, Ms.
12 Bernetta with the DEQ and EPA
13 officials and they could not
14 guarantee the canal would be built.

15 Right there in this very room,
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16 the EPA and DEQ officials stated
17 that they could not guarantee it
18 would be built either. There is no
19 way to put this canal in. There is
20 no way the government is going to
21 spend \$50 million dollars plus,
22 which is probably going to be a \$100
23 to a \$150 by the time they build it,
24 if they build it on this land, next
25 to tanks that might possibly -

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1 Imagine that. If that thing
2 leaks or some terrorists attack or
3 some accident happens and that stuff
4 gets in that canal, there is no way
5 the federal government will allow
6 that to happen.

7 And if anybody believes that in
8 this room, you better believe in the
9 tooth fairy. This tank farm should
10 not be allowed to be permitted. It
11 is bad for the community. You have
12 plenty other land and it should be
13 looked at and not built on this
14 site. Thank you.

15 MS. BRYANT:

16 Thank you. Ms. Burl?

17 MS. BURL:

18 Our support for this tank farm
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19 is coming from St. James Parish and
20 a few from St. John Parish from
21 places like LaPlace where Mr. Guidry
22 lives, there should be some land to
23 put it next to your property.

24 You know, we are tired of having
25 industry campaign in our government

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1 permitting industry to just dump on
2 us, on our end of the parish that is
3 predominantly black. But it happens
4 because you people get what you
5 want.

6 Now on Page 4 of the IT report
7 decision it says significant steps
8 were undertaken to inform and
9 educate the local community. Nikki
10 Monica, Alan St. Pierre and Council
11 members have been in regular
12 contact, strong support from locals
13 have walked the streets twice, fully
14 comports which Louisiana Public
15 Trust Document.

16 The truth is nobody walked the
17 streets. The public was not
18 informed. Only Parish President
19 Planning Director and Council
20 members were informed. This is a
21 total fabrication. We know only a

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22 few people who have any contact with
23 these owners and there were only
24 spoken to after our councilmen
25 asked them to talk to them.

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1 Now, as Ms. Henderson said, the
2 lies are consistent. How could you
3 trust a company with all of these
4 lies? We don't trust you. We
5 don't. And the people that you
6 brought here, go put it in Paulina.
7 They are all white. And you're
8 going to hire them that's why you're
9 here. You won't hire any blacks.
10 You have got young black men walking
11 the streets in our community because
12 the industry that is here won't hire
13 them.

14 They come in and they take into
15 account everything necessary to
16 put their plant here, except the
17 human factor. They don't take into
18 account that the black, young men
19 who weren't educated could be
20 educated, could be trained, could be
21 employees.

22 So we are very leery of you
23 coming here saying one thing,
24 knowing that you are going to do

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another.

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1 The pollution isn't good for the
2 half of the people. We have too
3 much pollution already. Our cancer
4 rate is high. Our respiratory
5 diseases is high. And here you come
6 with another merry tank farm to put
7 on us.

8 Put it in Paulina, put it in
9 LaPlace, put it in Mobile, Alabama.
10 There are plenty places you could
11 put this plant. But it's so much
12 easier to put it on a black
13 community. This is the way it is.
14 This is the way it's been. And if
15 you have your way, this is the way
16 it will be.

17 Now one of the questions asked.
18 How is it determined that this
19 facility was needed? The answer
20 was, well following Hurricane
21 Katrina when many oil refineries
22 were unable to obtain the petroleum,
23 stop gasoline supplies. Now, I'm
24 sure there were other pieces of real
25 estate you could have purchased.

1 This particular piece we have had
2 trouble with in the past. They
3 wanted to put the flooded cars from
4 our area, this little Angelina
5 group, as you call it.

6 We had to block that. And we
7 did by the help of the good Lord.
8 Because everything was done
9 undercover. We had find somebody to
10 go undercover concerning the
11 permits. So we were lucky to block
12 that.

13 So Angelina group or Safeland or
14 whatever you doing, but it's on us.
15 The pollution is on us, on our
16 community, on the lives and the
17 safety and the welfare of the people
18 who dwell there. You get the jobs
19 and we get the pollution. We get
20 the cancer and all the other
21 diseases that come with this, the
22 volatile fumes that emits
23 from these tanks. As long as you
24 get what you want, that's all you're
25 concerned about. You could care

1 less.

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2 By which of the following
3 potential pathways could release
4 hazardous materials from the
5 proposed facility in danger
6 residents or other living organisms?
7 Well, the response was flowing in
8 the air. The response was emissions
9 to the atmosphere being generated
10 through evaporated losses from the
11 storage and transfer the material
12 from combustion of fumes being
13 generating equipment. Well, where
14 you think those fumes gonna go?
15 You think there is a fence in
16 The air that is going to stop it
17 going at the end of your property.
18 No, it's going to come over into our
19 community. The water by following
20 us, still preventional formation
21 requirements present DEQ/EPA, the
22 coastguard the rest goes to
23 significant spill, greatly
24 minimized, minimized.
25 By following all spill

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1 prevention requirements of the
2 Louisiana DEQ and EPA the rest of
3 the significant spill is greatly
4 minimized. By following all spill

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prevention requirements of the
6 Louisiana DEQ and EPA the risk of a
7 significant spill is greatly
8 minimized. What about the part that
9 gets out?

10 Where are the real adverse
11 environmental impacts of the
12 proposed facility? Short-term
13 effects. Any potential adverse
14 effects on residential area facility
15 has been minimized in a number of
16 ways. Does not involve - effect
17 environmental sensitive areas. When
18 it involves us, it involves the
19 lives and the health of the people
20 who live in Mt. Airy and Garyville.
21 You want that in Paulina? Thank
22 you.

23 MS. BERNARD:

24 Remy Amedee?

25 MR. AMEDEE:

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1 Like I said, I live at 220 Oak
2 Park Boulevard in Garyville. When
3 I first stood up here I said "Give
4 me my choices." Which one would I
5 prefer? And yes, the tank farm,
6 obviously. Easy decision, cut and
7 dry. But it's not - to me, it's

8 not the issue of a tank farm, plant,
9 the flooded cars from Katrina. It's
10 the credibility of the
11 company and the representatives of
12 the company.

13 Secondly, I also question the
14 capability in the thoroughness of
15 the DEQ. Three or four years ago, a
16 gentlemen came in my yard and talked
17 to me in my garage, and I told him
18 what I thought, what were my
19 concerns. And I'm not against the
20 tank farm. I make a good living at
21 a good, responsible caring company,
22 and I think we do a doggone good job
23 doing that.

24 And we probabl y woul dn' t have
25 thi s bi g, huge di scussi on here

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1 tonight if a different path was
2 taken. And that path was
3 that it was some of the things I
4 discussed in my garage with this
5 gentleman. "Hey, why don't
6 you have a meeting with the people
7 of Mt. Airy and Garyville and be
8 open. Tell them what you plan on
9 doing. You gotta build trust with
10 people. You gotta be open to them.

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11 You gotta tell them what's really in
12 your heart and you really don't want
13 to have any harm to anyone."

14 And the response to me was well
15 - and the good Lord as my witness
16 here - "We really don't want to
17 have any public meetings or we kind
18 of want to steer away from that. We
19 really want to go door to door to
20 talk to people." Hey, that's good.
21 That's good. I wish it would
22 happen.

23 But I want the DEQ to know from
24 my knowledge it never happened. It
25 happened to my door because I stirred

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1 the pot. I was so called a - I
2 don't want to use that word - but
3 so much a "troublemaker." And I'm
4 not a troublemaker. If any other
5 company comes over here that's a
6 responsible company and it's true to
7 the residents of Garyville and Mt.
8 Airy. I have concerns about fire
9 protection and hazardous response.
10 And that was some of the questions
11 that I asked the gentleman.

12 I asked him a question about the
13 railroad. Because there was a

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Railroad that was supposed to be
15 proposed on the eastern side of the
16 property. Well and to prove my
17 point I have the original document
18 the gentleman gave me in my garage
19 three or four years ago. And I told
20 him that my real big concern was the
21 influx of different chemicals coming
22 in from the railroad. And that was
23 the other one.

24 So what I'm trying to say is
25 that credibility really, really goes

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1 a long way. And I understand there
2 is a lot of people in this area that
3 really want it. And they need
4 them, they really do need them. And
5 I want to give it to them. But we
6 need to get - we need to have a
7 responsible company that is
8 responsible to the citizens of our
9 area. And I am proud to say I think
10 I do work for one of them.

11 The second thing is, the DEQ,
12 and I just formed this opinion over
13 the last several months, six months,
14 because I, as a citizen, call the
15 DEQ on the phone, call the local
16 facilities in the area, made

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complaints, drove down the road,
18 filmed it with a camera. And I
19 received letters from the DEQ with
20 numbers and who to contact if
21 I had any questions and after the
22 findings and whether the
23 investigation is completed they
24 would get back with me.
25 Never happened. Never happened.

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1 I've called and called and called.
2 Never happened. So what I did, I
3 went one step further. Like I said,
4 I took my video and I walked down
5 the street or I rode down the street
6 in my car and I videotaped it and
7 I'm waiting for an opportunity
8 right now to give this to the DEQ
9 from the scene, because I know this
10 is not legal. It can't be.

11 Now getting back to credibility
12 issues. Behind the scenes there is
13 one thing that is really under my
14 skin and I just got to get it off,
15 that this company or this group of
16 investors right here is going behind
17 the scenes in the local community
18 and made promises, which I think are
19 illegal and I think needs to be

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investigated by the district
21 attorney. Because it's not right.
22 It is not right.
23 Like I said I'm going to leave
24 this podium right here saying that I
25 am not against the tank farm,

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1 because I will take the tank farm
2 any day over a huge complex in the
3 neighborhood, any day. And I think
4 it's a good opportunity. And I want
5 to see it. I'd rather have that
6 than anything else. But credibility
7 goes a long way. And you-all need
8 to ask you-all self, is credibility
9 high on your priority list?

10 Would you do business with a
11 person or you trust someone and
12 right now, right here, I'm in
13 question of that right now, about
14 this company and this tank farm.
15 And I'm not against the tank farm.
16 I live 700 feet from it. Because I
17 know the risks. I work at a
18 petroleum refinery. Thank you.

19 MS. BRYANT:

20 Lastly, Flavia Moody?

21 MR. MOODY:

22 Good evening. Flavia Moody.

1 And that concerns me. And also
2 concerns me that if the keep us in
3 secrecy as to what's going to be
4 sergeants in this facility I can
5 only think it's going to be
6 something hazardous to our community
7 to the fact it was something that
8 was not hazard. I believe they
9 would disclose it and make peace
10 with us in trying to be clean and
11 try to prove to us that you
12 are here and try to guarantee our
13 safety.

14 So far I think, from my
15 experience, the people that I have
16 dealt with with Murphy Oil, although
17 Mr. Bourgeois might be an expert on
18 it, it's not something pretty.
19 People are being buying out because
20 they have no initiative to even
21 consider living in a place like that
22 anymore. They don't want to be
23 exposed to the risks. And that is
24 also being exposed to a risk that
25 you don't know where it came from,

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1 we don't know what's going to be
2 stored in this facility.

3 I'm very concerned. Half of my
4 family live in that street, on
5 Daffodil. I know very little over
6 here and all the people that I love
7 and I care about live on the street.

8 And it's a very good community,
9 and you can see it's all warming,
10 loving, caring people and I will
11 hate to see that go away. I hate to
12 see Garyville/Mt. Airy another
13 Murphy Oil. I really would not like
14 to see that. This is a place that
15 has history. This is a place where
16 people are very concerned about each
17 other.

18 So I'm here to explain my
19 concern and I pray again that please
20 hear us out. If somebody would go
21 to my street, Daffodil, you would
22 see there is tank farm, no sign of
23 tank farms. Mr. Amedee, you've been
24 down my street you said you'd rather
25 have a tank farm or a refinery, I

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1 would rather have none. I think
2 we've had enough. And I will finish
3 with that.

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4 MS. BRYANT:
5 Thank you. Are there any other
6 comments?
7 MR. BOURGEOIS:
8 Yes. They said things about me.
9 I worked at the plant in Convent for
10 30 years, 30 years -
11 MS. BRYANT:
12 State your name again.
13 MR. BOURGEOIS:
14 Thomas Bourgeois. Mt. Airy. I
15 worked at the plant for 30 years and
16 I am not running for councilman like
17 Remy. I'm not trying to sell lots
18 like Carl Monica.
19 MR. MONICA:
20 They sold out.
21 MR. BOURGEOIS:
22 Yeah, come on.
23 MS. BRYANT:
24 All right. We're not going to
25 have that.

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1 MR. BOURGEOIS:
2 The codes in this parish have
3 been broken when they ran a gas line
4 from Gramercy Aluminum Kaiser to
5 Nalco. It's about 45 feet from
6 my house. Less than 200 feet by

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7 federal law from the churches. And
8 all these people from these
9 subdivisions back there that is
10 against the tank farm, they were
11 concerned about their property
12 values on their houses. It wasn't
13 concerned about the people's safety,
14 and down there right now, 3 or 400
15 pounds trucks passing on the
16 road vibrating.

17 When I first went to work we had
18 a line that vibrated that cracked
19 and it was dripping and I showed it
20 to them, and they tried to tell me
21 at that meeting, at the court
22 hearing, when I went to court with
23 them that the lines couldn't crack.
24 That line vibrates and these trucks
25 pass through at 65, 70 miles an

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1 hour. And as far as the tanks
2 flooding, we are 10 feet above sea
3 level right here. And it goes down
4 Lake Maurepas, and it goes down.

5 If that tank would float, do you
6 know how much water we would have to
7 have here? We are not as low as St.
8 Bernard Parish.

9 MS. BRYANT:

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10 Thank you.

11 MR. HIMEL:

12 My name is Scott Himel. I know
13 everybody came here tonight for
14 their own agenda, but I can honestly
15 say I came here tonight thinking
16 this was a different meeting. I was
17 thinking we were gonna talk about
18 the Diversion Project. I was
19 ignorant to the fact that this was a
20 tank farm meeting. I just wanted to
21 get one of my friends out of the
22 house and I am glad I came now.

23 I really feel that this is not
24 about doing what is in the best
25 interest of the parish. It's about

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1 doing what's best for other people.
2 And being that one person is
3 opposed to this tank farm, I think
4 we need to hire these people. They
5 have their own families that grew up
6 here. I've been in the industry all
7 my life also. And I've watched
8 shortcuts that people take and it's
9 just going to take one shortcut
10 through the right buffer zone for
11 these people to be impacted.

12 We need to try and protect us.

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13 Thank you.

14 MS. BRYANT:

15 All right. Thank you. Any
16 other comments? All right, I'd like
17 to remind you that the comment
18 period on the proposed initial
19 synthetic minor source air operating
20 permits, the draft water discharge
21 permit and the associated
22 environmental assessment statement
23 ends at 12:30 p.m. on Monday,
24 October 1.

25 If you have any other exhibits

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1 make sure you give them to me before
2 you leave. Up to this point, I have
3 received just one exhibit during the
4 hearing regarding the proposed
5 initial synthetic minor source
6 operating permit, the draft water
7 discharge permit, and the associated
8 environmental assessment statement.

9 Before you leave if you have
10 spoken and you did not fill out the
11 speaker registration form I ask that
12 you come forward and fill out one of
13 those forms. If there are no other
14 comments I would like to thank you
15 for your attention and participation

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in this public hearing.
Let the Record reflect that the
time is 7:57 p.m. This hearing is
closed. Thank you very much.
(The hearing was concluded at 7:57 p.m.)

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